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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions of the claims and listing of the claims in the application:

- 1. **(Original)** A method for identifying a gene product function, wherein the method comprises: adding at least one gene product to a compound cocktail; reacting the mixture; detecting a change that occurred in the compound cocktail; and thereby identifying the function of the gene product.
- 2. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one gene product is obtained by expressing at least one gene encoding the gene product.
- 3. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the compound cocktail is a metabolic compound cocktail.
- 4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 3, wherein the metabolic compound cocktail comprises a compound(s) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of fructose-1,6-phosphate fructose-1,6-diphosphate, 6-phosphogluconate, 2,3-phosphoglycerate 2,3-diphosphoglycerate, glucose-1-phosphate, fructose-6-phosphate, glucose-6-phosphate, ribulose-5-phosphate, ribose-5-phosphate, erythrose-4-phosphate, isocitric acid, citric acid, 2-phosphoglycerate, 3-phosphoglycerate, cis-aconitic acid, phosphoenolpyruvic acid, succinic acid, fumaric acid, lactic acid, and pyruvic acid.
- 5. **(Original)** The gene product function identification method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the compound cocktail is a cell extract.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of any one of claims 1 to 5-or 2, wherein the change is detected using a capillary electrophoresis-mass spectrometer (CE/MS).
- 7. **(Original)** A method for identifying a binding substance to a gene product, wherein the method comprises: adding at least one gene product to a compound cocktail; reacting the

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mixture; detecting a change that occurred in the compound cocktail; and thereby identifying a binding substance of the gene product.

- 8. (Original) A kit for identifying a gene product function, wherein the kit comprises a compound cocktail, and the function is identified by adding at least one gene product to the compound cocktail, reacting the mixture, and detecting a change occurred in the compound cocktail.
- 9. (Original) The kit of claim 8, wherein the compound cocktail is a metabolic compound cocktail.
- 10. **(Currently Amended)** The kit of claim 9, wherein the metabolic compound cocktail comprises a compound(s) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of fructose-1,6-phosphate fructose-1,6-diphosphate, 6-phosphogluconate, 2,3-phosphoglycerate 2.3-diphosphoglycerate, glucose-1-phosphate, fructose-6-phosphate, glucose-6-phosphate, ribulose-5-phosphate, ribose-5-phosphate, erythrose-4-phosphate, isocitric acid, citric acid, 2-phosphoglycerate, 3-phosphoglycerate, cis-aconitic acid, phosphoenolpyruvic acid, succinic acid, fumaric acid, lactic acid, and pyruvic acid.
- 11. (Original) The kit of claim 8, wherein the compound cocktail is a cell extract.
- 12. **(Original)** A kit for identifying a binding substance of a gene product, wherein the kit comprises a compound cocktail, and the binding substance is identified by adding at least one gene product to the compound cocktail, reacting the mixture and detecting a change that occurred in the compound cocktail.